

on Air India Flight No. AI-III at IGI Airport.

- (2) On 27.1.92 a round shaped object which turned out to be a small stone and thermocol wrapped in paper was found on Indian Airlines Flight No. IC-402 at Calcutta.

Following these incidents, security has been further tightened and fresh instructions issued to all concerned.

Aircrafts of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot grounded during January, 1992

1950. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts of Air India, India Airlines and Vayudoot grounded as on January 31, 1992;

(b) the estimated loss to each of these airlines as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make these aircrafts operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The number of aircraft grounded as on 31.1.92 are as under.

(i)	Air India	Nil
(ii)	Indian Airlines	12

(iii) Vayudoot - 9

(b) As regards Indian Airlines the groundings were planned one for routine maintenance and have not affected scheduled operations and as such there is no financial loss. In case of Vayudoot, 5 out of the 9 aircraft were grounded for scheduled inspection/check, 2 due to non availability of slots and shortage of Dart Engines with Indian Airlines and 2 for want of funds for spares and engines. It is difficult to quantify the notional loss of revenue suffered on this account.

(c) Out of 12 aircraft(s) belong to Indian Airlines, 8 have since been made serviceable and the remaining are also likely to be made serviceable within scheduled period of maintenance. In case of Vayudoot, out of 9 aircrafts, 5 have been made serviceable. Efforts are on to procure funds for spares and Engines for the 2 Dornier aircrafts and repair of two HS-748 is being expedited.

Postal Buildings and Staff Quarters in Orissa

1951. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI.
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sub-Post Offices functioning in Sambalpur (Orissa) Postal Division;

(b) the number out of them which are functioning in buildings having no basic amenities like water, electricity and toilet facilities;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from the Indian Postal Employees Union (H.O. Bagarh) in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a comprehensive plan is likely to be planned for construction of

postal buildings and staff quarters therewith details of funds earmarked, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Eighty Nine (89)

(b) All the Sub Post Offices in Sambalpur Division have electricity. However, twenty five (25) Post Offices functioning from rented premises do not have water and toilet facility.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Planning for construction of postal buildings and staff quarters is a continuing activity and its scope is determined by availability of funds, land etc. At present two post office buildings at Bamra and Kuchinda are being built for which funds amounting to Rs two lakhs and one lakh have been allocated during 1991-92 respectively. In addition construction of staff quarters at Bargarh is likely to be considered on availability of land.

Rise in Steel Prices

1952 SHRI SHARAD YADAV
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) the percentage rise in steel prices with the de-control of steel,

(b) the overall impact on the steel user industry and other consumers, and

(c) the extent to which the profitability of the integrated steel plants is anticipated to rise annually as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) There has been no in-

crease in the prices by the integrated steel plants, after deregulation of iron and steel. Open market prices have also not shown any sharp fluctuations. There has been a mixed trend, of some increase in prices in certain centres/categories of iron and steel and of some decrease in others.

(b) Immediate impact of deregulation has been that States/areas located nearer to the steel plants have to pay actual freight charges upto stockyards, which are lower than the freights charged under the earlier freight equalisation scheme. The industries/users located distantly from steel plants continue to pay not more than what they were paying prior to deregulation, on account of freight till these are revised.

(c) Increase in profitability of integrated steel plants, after deregulation would depend upon many factors like increase in Government and other levies, actual levels of imports following import duty reductions, and the extent of increase in prices that the integrated steel plants would be able to effect keeping in view the overall demand-supply situation.

Development of Tourism

1953 SHRI NURUL ISLAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake any comprehensive survey to identify places for development of Tourism in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the total amount spent for the development of tourism during the Seventh Plan period, State-wise break up thereof?